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1. BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT IT
WOULD BE HIGHLY ADVANTAGEOUS FOR A USNATO MISSION OFFICER
TO ATTEND THE 18-19 SEPTEMBER MBFR TRILATERAL CONSULTATIONS
IN BONN.

2. THIS MEETING, EVEN MORE THAN PREVIOUS TRILATERAL
GATHERINGS, PROMISES TO HAVE A MAJOR AND IMMEDIATE BEARING
ON THE ALLIANCE APPROACH TO A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT MBFR
ISSUES. AS SUCH, IT WOULD CLEARLY BE DESIRABLE FOR
USNATO, WHICH WILL BE CHARGED WITH FURTHER COORDINATING
MUCH OF THE PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF TRILATERALLY
AGREED COURSES OF FUTURE ACTION, TO BE FULLY INFORMED OF
THE PERTINENT BACKGROUND, INCLUDING THE KINDS OF DETAILS
AND NUANCES ROUTINELY OMITTED FROM THE WRITTEN RECORD.
KNOWLEDGE OF THE LATTER COULD PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT EDGE
IN THE CONDUCT OF ANY FOLLOW-UP TRILATERAL CONSULTATIONS
IN BRUSSELS. FINALLY, IT COULD PROVE USEFUL TO WASHINGTON
AND USDEL VIENNA REPS TO HAVE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING A
US EXPERT ON THE CURRENT TACTICAL LIMITS AT NATO HEAD-
QUARTERS. BENNETT

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